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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Special CP. S. B. REGS Station,
No. S. B. D. 1470.
Date July 28 1930.
ate 31-7-30.

Subject (in full) O.N. Kohnert.

Made by D.S. Faddeeff.

Forwarded by Duncan D.S.

Sir,

With reference to attached, a confidential interview with Mr. O.N. Kohnert was obtained and he volunteered the following information regarding the closing of the Vladivostok branch of "Kunst & Albers."

There are two firms named "Kunst & Albers" and two brothers, (1) Gustav and (2) Alfred Albers, are the owners.

Gustav is a German subject and is the proprietor of branches of above firm in Hamburg, Harbin and Shanghai, while Alfred Albers is a Soviet subject and is the proprietor of branches in Vladivostok, Nikolsk-Ussuriysk, Habarovsk and Nikolaevsk-on Amur (Soviet Russia). Both of them reside in Hamburg, and since 1922 they have been acting separately and there has been no connection between the branches of the two brothers, therefore Mr. K. Chaefer the Manager of the local branch of "Kunst & Albers" can say nothing about the sealing of the branch in Vladivostok and other branches in Soviet Russia.

The branches belonging to Alfred Albers in Vladivostok, Nikolaevsk-on Amur, Nikolsk-Ussuriysk and Habarovsk were conducting their business under the control of "Finotdel" (Financial Department of Soviet Authorities) and in January 1925, all their premises were taken over (nationalised) by the Soviet Government. The owner was then allowed to occupy the premises for a certain rent. In June 1930 the Control Committee of "Finotdel" visited the Vladivostok branch of "Kunst & Albers" with a view to checking the work of the business and they found many discrepancies in their accounts. In the end of June the firm received a demand for the sum of 1,383,888.01 roubles for Government contributions for the past

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three years. The firm was unable to pay therefore "Finotdel" liquidated all four branches according to cost price as under:-

Vladivostok Branch.....	Roubles 600,000.00
Nikolsk-Ussurriysk Branch.....	" 100,000.00
Nikolaevsk-on Amur Branch.....	" 70,000.00
Habarovsk Branch.....	" 92,000.00
Total value	" 862,000.00

It is believed that "Kunst & Albers" were expecting such measures on the part of Soviet Authorities and did not keep in stock a large quantity of goods. All goods were distributed between the Daltorg (Far East Trade Mission) and the Central Labourers Co-operative.

The 127 employees of the firm were paid off by the "Finotdel" and given three months wages in lieu of notice.

Mr. O.N. Kohnert arrived in Shanghai by s.s. "Witell" (Nord German Lloyd). He hopes to get employment in the local branch of "Kunst & Albers."

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To

Shanghai,

23:7: 1930.

Sd,
Please endeavour
to verify the
portion of the report
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Would not
Kunst and Albers
be willing to let
us know confidentially
what has happened
in Vladivostock?



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Special ~~REGISTRATION~~ REGISTRATION Station,
No. S. B. D. 1470
Date July 22, 1930.
Date 22-7-30.

Subject (in full) Mr. O.N. Kohnert.

Made by D.S. Faddeeff.

Forwarded by Whalenan U.S.T.

Information has been received from reliable sources that Mr. O.N. Kohnert, Manager of the Vladivostok branch of the well known firm "Kunst & Albers," fled from Vladivostok with his wife on board a German ship and landed at Woosung on 19-7-30. He is residing at No. 11 Lorton Terrace off Rue Lorton, French Concession. According to information received the Vladivostok branch of "Kunst & Albers" was sealed by the Soviet Authorities for non payment of contributions in the sum of 1,385,000.00 Roubles, and Mr. O.N. Kohnert being Manager of above firm was expecting to be arrested in connection with the case. It is believed that Mr. Kohnert and his wife were placing on board ship with the assistance of the German Consul in Vladivostok. Mr. O.N. Kohnert is a native of Germany, but before the Great War he became a naturalized Russian subject. It is his intention to regain his German nationality if possible.

The firm of "Kunst & Albers" have a branch at No. 29 Szechuen Road.

G. Faddeeff

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(C. & S. Branches)

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Information, efforts will be made to verify the portion of the report at A. Date of return

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